

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the online Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman: Vice Chairman: Cllr. D. Catchpole

Councillors: Cllr. D. Constable Cllr. D. McCarthy Cllr. R. Martin
Cllr. P. Hennessy Cllr. G. Dryhurst Cllr. S. Chittenden
Cllr. S. Osborne

Officers: Karen Boyce, Parish Clerk

District Councillor: Apologies were received from Cllr. C. Weston

Members of press and public: Two

Due to Cllr Flowers sending his apologies for tonight's meeting. Cllr Catchpole will be acting as Chairman for tonight's meeting.

20/167 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. T. Flowers (Chairman)

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

20/168 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 4th January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

20/169 Progress Report

- 20/46 The Clerk confirmed that she had now received the plastic pegs for the basketball framework.
- 20/56(f) The Clerk had contacted Barclays Bank on two occasions to ask why the Parish Council had been refused a credit card, on both occasions was cut off. Clerk has now sent an email.
- 20/123 The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the company developing the New Solar farm. This meeting was arranged for Wednesday 27th January 2021.
- 20/138 The Clerk was asked to produce a Co-option policy for the Parish to adopt, this was still being drafted. To be added to the March 2021 Agenda.

20/170 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None declared.

20/171 Public participation session

One resident present. A report regarding the Bloor Homes Development was received.

Rochford District Cllr. Laureen Shaw briefly attended the meeting to introduce herself as the prospective candidate for the Essex County Councillor vacancy due to the death of Cllr. Terry Cutmore.

20/172 District Councillor's Report

None present.

20/173 **Co-option**

There are two vacancies in Ashingdon ward; no candidates were present to observe the meeting.

20/174 **Co-option Policy**

The Clerk has started to produce a Co-option policy, this was still ongoing and hopefully will be ready to be approved at the March 2021 meeting.

20/175 **Finance**

Members received the schedule of payments for approval along with the bank reconciliation figures for December 2020. Cllr. P. Hennessy had checked the bank reconciliation figures.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the following payments/cheques be approved for payment and signed:

HM Revenue & Customs	IBFEB21/1	£238.40
A&J Lighting Solutions	IBFEB21/2	£579.48
Atlantic Vision Ltd	IBFEB21/3	£ 30.00
Essex Association of Local Councils	IBFEB21/4	£240.00
Essex Association of Local Councils	IBFEB21/5	£ 60.00
Essex Association of Local Councils	IBFEB21/6	£ 84.00
Essex Association of Local Councils	IBFEB21/7	£ 84.00
Essex Pension Fund	IBFEB21/8	£342.13
J&P Prior	IBFEB21/9	£105.00
James Todd & Co	IBFEB21/10	£ 93.60
Mrs K Boyce	IBFEB21/11	£ 70.97
Rural Community Council of Essex	IBFEB21/12	£ 24.00
Viking Direct	IBFEB21/13	£221.92

- (b) The bank reconciliation figures for December 2020 be approved and accepted.
- (c) It was noted that Cllr P. Hennessy attended the Learning Disability Awareness Training online event on Monday 25th January 2021 by EALC this was FREE.
- (d) It was noted that Cllr P. Hennessy attended the Climate Crisis Conference online event on Thursday 28th January 2021 by EALC at a cost of £50 + VAT per delegate.
- (e) It was ratified that the Clerk had passed the Certificate in Local Council Administration and further to point 9.3 in the Clerk's contract, an additional salary point be awarded for this accomplishment.
- (f) A Thank you letter was received from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance for the donation of £150.00.
- (g) It was noted that Cllr S. Osborne will be attending the Councillor Training Day 1 online event on Saturday 6th February 2021 by EALC at a cost of £100 + VAT per delegate.
- (h) It was noted that Cllr S. Osborne will be attending the Councillor Training Day 2 online event on Saturday 20th February 2021 by EALC at a cost of £100 + VAT per delegate.

20/176 **Planning**

RESOLVED that

- (a) The minutes from the Virtual Planning Committee meeting held on 11th January 2021 be noted;
- (b) The minutes from the Virtual Planning Committee meeting held on 25th January 2021 be noted;
- (c) The list of applications determined by Rochford District Council in January 2021 be noted.

20/177 Highways/PROW/Environment/Transport/Street Lighting

- (a) An update was received from Cllr. G. Dryhurst.
- (b) There were no new updates on Bridleway 43.
- (c) An update was received regarding the Parish Rooms/ Public Toilets at King George's playing field From Cllr. D. Constable.

20/178 Self Storage

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would continue with the self-storage company after a rise in costs of £21.68 per month from March 2021.

20/179 Walk for Wellbeing

The Parish Council discussed how to support residents of the Parish to take exercise and support their wellbeing by walking, within the Parish of Ashingdon. There are several footpaths advertised on the website. It was suggested that the Public rights of way working group come up with some ideas to bring back to Full Council for discussion.

20/180 Youth Services

Members considered on sharing the cost of the youth services programme with Hawkwell Parish Council up to 50%.

RESOLVED that Ashingdon Parish Council share the cost of the youth services programme with Hawkwell Parish Council up to 50%.

20/181 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

No report received.

20/182 Reports from the representatives for outside committees

- (a) Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall – Cllr. S. Chittenden; Cllr. D. Catchpole; Cllr. D. McCarthy - Report received.
- (b) Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils – Cllr. D. Constable; January meeting was cancelled, next meeting to be held in March.
- (c) Local Community Meeting – Cllr. T. Flowers; No meeting. It was suggested the council invite PC Warren Lamb along to our March Parish Council meeting.
- (d) RSPB Local Liaison Group – Cllr. G. Dryhurst No meeting.
- (e) River Crouch Coastal Community Team Stakeholder Event – Cllr. G. Dryhurst No meeting.

20/183 Training and Events

Cllr. D. Catchpole had requested permission to attend the Introduction to Planning Briefing on Tuesday 9th February 2021 at a cost of £70 per delegate + VAT.

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20/184 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that Parish Council exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting due to confidential business under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s.1 (2)

20/185 Operation London Bridge

RESOLVED that the Parish Council considered the information regarding Operation London Bridge. The Clerk is to contact relevant parties with the information required.

20/186 Items for next agenda

Website

20/187 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.30pm. *(Depending on Government guidelines it is hoped this will be a face to face meeting).*

The meeting was closed at: 20.50pm

Vice-Chairman's Signature

Dated
1st March 2021